



## **Siletz Bay & Nestucca Bay Paddle Tours**

### **Guided Paddle Trips with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Summer 2019**

### **Interested in getting on the water this summer?**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service invites you to paddle one of two coastal National Wildlife Refuges with a guide between June and August. These roughly two-hour trips will take you through the heart of the Refuge, while learning about wildlife and natural history of the area from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Interpreters. Learn more about the two Refuges to be explored:

***Siletz Bay Refuge** is one of numerous estuaries located along the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway. Along Highway 101, just south of Lincoln City, starchy skeleton trees jut forth from the estuary and are reminiscent of a time when the salt marsh was diked for pasture. Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, and Bald Eagle can be seen roosting at the top of these snags. A variety of estuarine-dependent birds including Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, and some waterfowl can be seen foraging in the tidal waters. Songbird choruses accompany paddlers throughout their trip, including Purple Martin, Song Sparrow, Marsh and Pacific Wren, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, and Cedar Waxwing.*

*A paddle alongside **Nestucca Bay Refuge** pastures and tidal wetlands leads paddlers into the wider Nestucca Bay, just south of Pacific City. Enjoy beautiful vistas and estuarine wildlife. Bald Eagle can be seen nesting in coniferous trees on the Two Rivers Peninsula. A variety of wildlife including Great Blue Heron, waterfowl, kingfishers, and cormorants can be seen along the Little Nestucca River. Songbirds twitter in the trees or hide in the grasses along the river's edge, including Purple Martin, Tree Swallow, Song Sparrow, Marsh Wren, and Pacific-slope Flycatcher.*

These paddles are free but preregistration is required. Registration instructions follow. The Bay often experiences unpredictable winds and waves, and for this reason the paddle is not recommended for beginners.

**Join us on a guided paddle to experience Siletz Bay or Nestucca Bay  
National Wildlife Refuges from a new vantage point!**



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#### Registration Instructions:

If you would like to register for a Guided Paddle Tour at Siletz Bay or Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge, complete the following steps. **Please note:** experience is recommended for this paddle due to the potential for high winds and rough water.

1. **Choose a paddle** from those listed below. Note: they will fill up quickly, so have a back-up date in mind.
2. **Call or Email** using the contact information below. Be prepared with the date, number of boats in your party, and personal contact information for our records.
3. **We do not provide boats.** If you have a personal non-motorized boat, you may use that. If you need to rent one, there are many rental shops in the surrounding area. A few suggestions for canoe and kayak rental are listed below.
4. You will receive a confirmation email from the address below once you are registered.

#### Registration Contact Information:

**Lila Bowen**

**(541) 867-4550**

**Lilamarie\_Bowen@fws.gov**

#### **Siletz Bay NWR Paddles**

Thursday, June 6th	4:00 – 6:00 PM
Thursday, June 13th	10:00 – 12:00 PM
Saturday, July 6th	4:30 – 6:30 PM
Wednesday, July 10th	7:30 – 9:30 AM
Tuesday, August 6th	5:30 – 7:30 PM
Saturday, August 10th	10:00 – 12:00 PM

#### **Nestucca Bay NWR Paddles**

Wednesday, June 12th	8:30 – 10:30 AM
Saturday, June 29th	10:00 – 12:00 PM
Sunday, July 7th	4:30 – 6:30 PM
Thursday, July 11th	8:30 – 10:30 AM
Wednesday, August 7th	4:30 – 6:30 PM
Sunday, August 11th	10:00 – 12:00 PM

#### **Nearby Boat Rentals:**

Lincoln City Surf Shop	(541) 996-7433
Blue Heron Landing	(541) 994-4708
Siletz Moorage	(541) 765-2109
Nestucca Adventures	(503) 965-0060
Ossie's Surf Shop	(541) 574-4634

<a href="http://www.lcsurfshop.com">www.lcsurfshop.com</a>
<a href="http://www.blueheronlanding.net">www.blueheronlanding.net</a>
<a href="http://www.siletzrental.com">www.siletzrental.com</a>
<a href="http://www.nestuccaadventures.com">www.nestuccaadventures.com</a>
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